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Herbster Comments On King's Assassination

The assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is "another American tragedy," said Ben Herbster, president of the United Church of Christ.

He continued, "The apostle of non-violence has been slain by the violence which pervades our national life. The death of such a noble Christian and world citizen challenges every American to join in his peaceful Poor People's Crusade, to persuade Congress to enact the civil rights legislation and programs to alleviate poverty and bring jobs and opportunity to the poor and deprived.

"The best way to turn such a tragedy into hope is to carry forward the cause for which he gave his life. We can honor such a prophet and patriot by forwarding his struggle for racial justice and world peace. The United Church of Christ supported him in these causes in his lifetime and dedicates itself to them in the future."

Tribute To Dr. King

The Plymouth United Church of Christ in Charleston, S. C., made the following statement concerning Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.:

"We are all shocked and saddened by the tragic death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We are shocked beyond repair that a young champion of nonviolence, justice, freedom and equality has been taken from us by an act of violence.

"The time is now for men and women of good will the world over to lift up their arms to help advance the ideas of freedom, justice and equality for all mankind. The time is now for freedom to ring out from the seacoasts to the mountain tops. Yes, let freedom ring so that Martin Luther King, Jr., a young man with a dream, will not have died in vain.

"Let us keep alive the high ideas and beliefs of this great leader, so that one day 'WE SHALL OVERCOME'."

"Persecutors of men's bodies seldom or never do these men's souls good."—Roger Williams



The Reverend Walter Hall leads one of the small groups discussing "Clarifying Our Identity". The subject is one phase of the emphasis on "The Local Church in God's Mission."

Small Groups Wrestle With Emphasis At Southeast Conference Annual Meeting

Following the provocative address on "The Nature of God's Mission" by Dr. Albert Bartholomew, delegates and visitors to the Annual Meeting met in twelve groups to think through the implications of the 1968-1969 United Church Emphasis, "The Local Church

in God's Mission."

Two groups discussed each of the following phases of the Emphasis: Clarifying Our Identity, Self-Study, Action, Defining the World's Situation, Evaluation, and Celebration.

Group participants stated that they engaged in serious dialogue and studied in depth the various subjects.

The groups met again in the afternoon to continue their studies.

Several persons commented on the importance of the Emphasis for the United Church, indicating that their churches must become committed to the Emphasis if they are to become the significant servants of God which their communities need. And they stated that the more they have become aware of the Emphasis, the more they have become committed to it.

Why give to the church? To support its activities — yes. To support its mission endeavors — yes. To enable it to expand its work in the community — yes. But even more, to express your love for God and to ally yourself with his purposes for men.

Southeast Conference Holds Annual Meeting

"The Local Church in God's Mission" was the theme of the Second Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ when it met at Pilgrim Congregational Church in Chattanooga, Tenn., April 27-28.

The meeting was called to order Saturday morning by the presiding officer, Mr. Hubert Richter, then Moderator of the Conference.

NEW ASSOCIATIONAL LINES IMPORTANT

Mr. Richter, in his opening address, urged the Conference to set up Associa-

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Executive Council Member Addresses Annual Meeting

Mrs. M. F. Jaroszewski, a member of the denomination's Executive Council, addressed the Second Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference Saturday afternoon. The Executive Council, which conducts the business of the United Church between meetings of the General Synod, is composed of 21 members — ministers, laymen, and laywomen.

Mrs. Jaroszewski said she wanted to convey her enthusiasm for the United Church and its work along with information about the Council. Comments from delegates indicated that she accomplished both objectives.

Speaking about the Crisis in the Nation, Mrs. Jaroszewski stated, "No longer can there be business as usual. It is time for all of us to become engaged both personally and collectively in meeting this crisis in its immediate dimensions and in developing a strategy for overcoming its long-range implications as well."

Mrs. Jaroszewski reported that the "General Synod has established a Commission on Open Membership and Equal Opportunity to investigate any job discrimination in the denomination and to work to remove the last vestiges of segregation from its sanctuaries."

The Executive Council has designated the Crisis in the Nation as the Emphasis for 1970-71, decided to challenge local churches to provide from 1% to 5% of their current local expense budget for the support of the Crisis in the Nation program and has given the program priority over all other efforts from now through 1971. "If we intend to face up to our obligation in this current crisis, we have to recognize that it has priority. That makes it nearly impossible for us to consider other and competing claims on our church's money," she said.

Ecumenical relations continue to be significant in the denomination's way of life, she indicated. "The Board for Homeland Ministries has a policy that it will not authorize the funding of any new work until all avenues of ecumenical cooperation have been explored," Mrs. Jaroszewski stated.

She commended the Southeast Conference for the increase it made in 1967 in Basic Support giving.

Dr. F. C. Lester To Serve In SEC Three Months

The Reverend Doctor F. C. Lester is serving as pastor of the New Hope Church near Clio, Alabama, and as the pastor-at-large for the South Alabama-North Florida Association for the next three months.

Dr. Lester, a United Church of Christ minister, is from High Point, North Carolina. Now retired, Dr. Lester has served as pastor for many years. He was the first superintendent of the old Southern Convention of Congregational Christian churches.

His wife is the southeast regional representative of the Council for Lay

Iowa Churches Back Housing Program

Des Moines Area Council of Churches has purchased land near the city's downtown business district to build a 300-unit housing project.

Construction will begin this year and is expected to be completed by July, 1969. The \$3.8 million project will be built under a Federal Housing Administration program, with federal rent supplements available in half the units.

Life and Work.

Early in May, the Reverend William Andes, conference minister, visited Dr. Lester and the churches he serves.

Happenings At Annual Meeting

Miss Wendy Cox, a teenager from Chattanooga, entertained the assembly after dinner Saturday by singing a number of folk songs while playing the guitar. Perhaps her best was one that she had written several years ago. She was enthusiastically received by the delegates and visitors.

CATHOLIC GIRLS' CHOIR SINGS

Under the direction of Sister Richarda, the Saint Cecelia Choir of Notre Dame High School in Chattanooga entertained the delegation as they had dinner in the school dining hall. Among their numbers was a folk song which some Roman Catholics are using in

their renewed liturgy. Beautifully sung, the first verse reads:

"We are one in the Spirit.

We are one in the Lord.

And we pray that our unity will one day be restored.

And they will know we are Christians by our love."

MEDICAL MISSIONS DESCRIBED

The medical ministry of the United Church Board for World Ministries was the subject of a slide program Saturday evening. The work of Dr. and Mrs. Fred Munson who served in India was presented.



The Reverend Olin Sheppard, new moderator of the Southeast Conference, participates in a group discussion of the "Self-Study" phase of the 1968-1969 Emphasis.

Report Of Committee On Resolutions To The Southeast Conference

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Southeast Conference express appreciation to the Host Church and its pastor, Arnold Slater, with the assistance of First Church, for their truly Southern hospitality in handling the details for the Second Annual Conference.

2. The Southeast Conference express its appreciation to Notre Dame School for the use of their facilities.

3. The Southeast Conference convey its appreciation to denominational resources leaders for their contributions.

4. The Southeast Conference commend the conference officers and staff for their dedication to duty and express deep gratitude for their untiring labors during the past year.

5. The Southeast Conference express gratitude to Fraternal delegates for their presence and appreciation for their ecumenical interest.

6. Inasmuch as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., exemplified the Christian Gospel in his attempt to secure justice for all, we of the Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ wish to express our deepest sympathy and concern for his family and dedicate ourselves to the actions of love that will remove the racial and economic barriers which separate men; and that the Resolution be sent by letter to the family of Dr. King.

7. The Board of Directors of the Southeast Conference consider the establishment of an annual conference made up of local church moderators or the top lay officer of those churches not having a moderator for the purpose of providing discussion of common problems, a cross-exchange of ideas, and a training ground for fostering the program adopted during the annual Southeast Conference Meeting.

8. The churches and the Southeast Conference place more emphasis on youth participation in the policy making processes of the Conference, thereby creating greater interest on the part of our youth to participate in the life and work of the church.

9. We urge all Christian individuals and groups to pray for the elimination of violence, murder, and other crimes; and to work to this end in cooperation with responsible law enforce-



Delegates to the Southeast Conference Annual Meeting engage in discussion of "The Local Church in God's Mission" with Dr. Albert Bartholomew of Lancaster Seminary.

Report Of Committee On Memoirs

There are four ministers whom we remember today. These are:

Rev. James E. Cook, Atlanta, Ga.
Rev. Samuel M. Penn, Newnan, Ga.
Rev. C. Lisle Percy, Demorest, Ga.
Rev. C. W. Rowland, Blackshear, Ga.

We pay tribute also to two widows of ministers. One of these is Mrs. Luna M. Barker of Tallassee, Alabama. She was the widow of a minister and also the daughter of a minister. The other is Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Hughes of Pisgah, Alabama. The SOUTHEAST NEWS carried the story of the lives of both of these. These both lived for many years, being 88 and 91 years of age, respectively.

We pay tribute to the wife of one of our ministers, Mrs. Jesse H. Dollar. Many of us have had the privilege of knowing her personally and know how well she has served with Dr. Jesse Dollar in Alabama, North Carolina, and Virginia. She was Fannie Mae Elder, who bore with grace and honor two of the great names among the ministers of East Alabama — Elder and Dollar.

We shall stand in memory, therefore, of these seven servants of the Lord:

The Rev. James E. Cook
The Rev. Samuel M. Penn
The Rev. Dr. C. Lisle Percy
The Rev. Charles W. Rowland
Mrs. Luna M. Barker
Mrs. James H. Hughes
Mrs. Jesse H. Dollar

—A. R. Van Cleave, Chairman

Dr. Bartholomew Challenges Delegates

Dr. Albert Bartholomew, professor at Lancaster Seminary, presented a challenging address to the delegates at the Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference on "The Nature of God's Mission."

He said the church is to follow its Lord who said, "And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify thy name."

The purpose of the church is that for which Christ came into the world and the church dare not ask to be saved from its purpose, indicated Dr. Bartholomew.

The church must be willing to lose its life in service, stated the professor in his discussion of the 1968-1969 Emphasis, "The Local Church in God's Mission."

Dr. Bartholomew said that the specific tasks of the church change as situations change and that this will demand continual reorganization of programs and the use of various tools.

N. Alabama Association Will Have May Rally

The North Alabama Association will hold a rally May 19, 2:30 - 4:00 p. m. at Pilgrim Congregational Church, Birmingham.

The program will include a showing of the movie "The Parable." Mrs. James Jordan will lead a discussion following the movie.

Dr. S. L. Johnson is pastor.

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UC Continues Fight Against Discrimination In Radio And Television

The Office of Communication of the United Church of Christ, with a Ford Foundation grant of \$160,000, is continuing its fight to end discrimination against Negroes in television and radio programming, according to the Reverend Everett Parker, director of the office.

Office of Communication staff and contracted consultants are assisting local groups in dealing with radio and television agencies in their own cities. Committees are trained to analyze programs for discrimination. When patterns of discrimination are discovered, the committees will document charges and discuss them with the specific station involved.

When efforts to achieve balanced programming fail, formal monitoring will take place and petitions will be filed with the Federal Communications Commission (F. C. C.).

The Office of Communication began these efforts in 1964.

"Censorship is not our objective," said Dr. Parker, "but balance is." Program schedules which present only one viewpoint violate the Fairness Doctrine of the F. C. C. Negroes are entitled to access to the air waves and the broadcasting industry must recognize its responsibility to the entire listening audience, not just part of it, Parker said.

Cities where local monitoring com-

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tional boundaries so that the churches could get about the tasks to which they are committed.

"We are part of the United Church of Christ," he said, as he encouraged the Conference to develop a sense of being a church family, "We will be the church in the lead. We will be the denomination that will set the pattern for others to follow," Mr. Richter told the assembly.

CONFERENCE AT CRITICAL POINT

Dr. William J. Andes, Conference Minister, said, "We are at the critical stage of the life of this Conference and we must involve the local church in God's Mission."

Reports of the numerous Committees were given Saturday and accepted Sunday.

The Southeast Conference is composed of 127 churches in South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, southeastern Kentucky and northwestern Florida. Official delegates from 48 churches were present. Forty-four ordained and four licensed ministers attended. The United Presbyterian Church sent a fraternal delegate to the meeting.

The Reverend Arnold Slater, pastor of Pilgrim Congregational Church, was the host pastor for the meeting.

Committees may be formed include Atlanta and Columbus, Georgia, and Birmingham, Alabama.

UC Church In Huntsville Begins New Building

The United Church of Huntsville has begun construction of a new building. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held February 18. Reports indicate that the base has been prepared, the foundation poured, and that the outline of the new structure is clearly evident.

Mr. Delmer Berg writes, "An important day in our history has gone by . . . yet, one clearly felt the pull of the future drawing us ever onward toward greater service in Christ's name."

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

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ment and rehabilitation agencies.

10. We call upon our churches to work with their local police organizations in the spirit of cooperation to the end that equal treatment be given to all persons regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or financial status.

11. While we are aware of the significant progress in racial understanding within the past few years, we are aware that much misunderstanding still exists and we call upon all Christians, by example, and by using their influence, to aid in further understanding among all people.

12. We urge our churches and our nation to pray for and work toward a rapid, humane, honorable, and moral solution to the war in Vietnam and potential wars in other troubled areas of the world.

13. This Conference requests the Conference Board of Directors to appoint a special committee whose mission shall be the study and devising of methods of realigning the associations of the Southeast Conference on a practical geographical and united basis, and the submission of a possible plan for reorganization to the 1969 Conference.

14. We urge all Christian churches and individuals to seek solutions to local and world problems in a spirit of courage, love, and understanding, and to refrain from pitting one party, race, status group, or geographical division against another.

15. We ask that the Southeast Conference churches seek imaginative solutions to local poverty and housing problems as exemplified by the project instituted by First Church of Atlanta.

John J. Roemer, Chairman
Miss Gladys Varner
Clyde Wilhelm
William R. Green, Jr.
Mrs. A. D. Harry



Mr. Hubert Richter, past moderator and presiding officer at the Second Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference, discusses issues confronting the Conference with a group of delegates during a break in the meeting. Mr. Richter is on far right.

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Dr. Johnson Participates In Religious Societies

Dr. S. L. Johnson, pastor of Pilgrim Congregational Church in Birmingham, Alabama, attended the meetings of the Southern Section of the Society of Biblical Literature, and the American Academy of Religion, Southern Section, at Davidson College on March 30-31. The Rev. Mr. Ralph Galt, a member of the church, filled the pulpit for him on March 31.

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New Moderator Installed

The Reverend Olin Sheppard was installed along with the other officers of the Conference at the Annual Meeting in Chattanooga.

The Reverend Mr. Sheppard is pastor of the First Congregational Christian Church of Roanoke, Alabama, and of the New Hope Church.

He was ordained in 1939 and has served in numerous associational offices.

Mr. Sheppard is married and has two children.

A list of other officers in the Southeast Conference may be found in the report of the Nominating Committee which was accepted as reported on page 8 of the Southeast News.

Todd Church Holds "Sunday Night Sing"

The Todd Church in Alabama held a "Sunday Night Sing" the fifth Sunday in March with over 130 persons attending from the various participating churches.

The "Sunday Night Sings" are quarterly events. The next one will be June 30.

Lay Life And Work Regional Meetings Held

Three regional meetings to train lay people for their tasks of leading others will be held in strategic areas of the Southeast Conference. Featured at each will be materials included in **Program Opportunities for Adults, 1968-69**, under the theme "Facing the New Day."

Saturday, June 8, at 10 a. m., the Congregational Christian Church, Deer Lodge, Tennessee, will be host for the first meeting. Miss Mae Storey of Glenmary, Tennessee, will be in charge.

Mrs. Walter Hall's committee is arranging a two-day session to be held at Southern Union State Junior College, Wadley, Alabama. The meeting begins Saturday morning, June 15, and continues through Sunday noon, June 16.

In Georgia, Mrs. Karlton Johnson is arranging a session to be held Saturday, June 22, at the church in Bonanza, just south of Atlanta. Beginning at 10 a. m., the meeting will continue thru Saturday evening.

Central Church, Atlanta, Dedicates New Sanctuary

Central Congregational Church, Atlanta, Georgia, dedicated its new sanctuary and educational facilities May 5. Dr. Howard E. Spragg, vice-president-elect of the Board for Homeland Ministries, was the speaker at the dedication service.

Conference Minister, Dr. William Andes, gave the Prayer of Dedication. Representatives from the Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Baptist, Greek Orthodox, Presbyterian, and United Church of Christ congregations participated in the service.

The Reverend Frederick A. Meyer is pastor.

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Excerpts From Charge To Smith On His Installation

"Brother Cliff, it is my duty and my very real privilege to deliver to you the charge as you take over the duties of serving this, the Mt. Olive Congregational Christian Church (Tallassee, Alabama), as its pastor and teacher. The membership of this church has honored you by extending to you the call to become their pastor and they have shown their confidence in you by accepting you into their midst. You have also revealed your trust in them by your acceptance of their call. Your ministry here promises to be a good and fruitful one, and it can continue to be so, so long as this relationship of trust, confidence and love continues to be mutual . . . You will need the help and love of your people. . . Most of all, you must rely heavily upon God as your Helper."

The charge was given by the Reverend Walter Hall.

Valley District PF Holds Spring Rally

The Valley District Pilgrim Fellowship held its Spring Rally, April 20, at Bethel Church in West Point, Georgia.

The group changed the name of the district's youth to "Valley District United Church Youth (UCY)." The change was made so that the district name would be consistent with that of the Southeast Conference.

In her address, the Reverend Miss Emilie Pitcock, Conference Minister of Christian Education, discussed God, the identity of the person and the mission expected of persons by God.

Each church was represented on the panel which discussed the United Church Youth.

The district youth voted to undertake two projects — aiding Indians in South Dakota where the Reverend Raymond Berry is working; arranging a weekend retreat at a camp site or college campus.

The group visited the ruins of an ancient Indian village which will be turned into a park with a museum to house the Indian artifacts found there.

Birmingham Calls Cooper

The First Congregational Christian Church, Birmingham, Alabama, welcomed the Reverend Andrew L. Cooper III and his family to the fellowship of the church.

The congregation hopes his leadership will expand its service, increase its ability to fill the spiritual vacuum in the church and community, and encourage it to respond to the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ with deep satisfaction and commitment.

A native of Illinois, the Reverend Mr. Cooper received his education in the public schools of Evanston.

He received the Evanston Interracial Council's "Citizen of the Year Award" in 1956.

Entering Fisk University in 1956, he was active in several phases of college life during the four years of undergraduate study.

Upon graduation in 1960 with the Bachelor of Arts degree, he received a scholarship to attend Turner Seminary of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia. Further graduate studies were done at Northwestern University.

The Reverend Mr. Cooper served as Assistant Director of Religious Activities and College Minister at Morris Brown College and worked at an Atlanta radio station.

A member of the United Church of Christ, he was called to the pastorate of First United Church of Christ in Anniston, Alabama, in 1964. A year later he was employed as Administrative Assistant, Community Improvement Board of Calhoun and Cleburne Counties.

The Reverend Mr. Cooper is the author of "Education and the Southern Negro, 1957" and "The Hobson City Story, 1967."

He is married to the former Carolyn Carr.

Conference In Hymnody

What's the state of hymn singing in the congregations of the United Church of Christ? Where are we headed in the use of hymns in the United Church of Christ? How do we rejoice in our world today?

These and other questions will be studied in depth at the Deering Conference, July 22-30.

Each conference is asked to propose

Faulkner Visits Atlanta

The Reverend Doctor William J. Faulkner, former pastor of Atlanta's First Congregational Church, recently visited Atlanta, where his wife underwent major surgery. At press time, Mrs. Faulkner was progressing nicely at Hughes-Spalding Pavilion.

The Reverend Faulkner was pastor of First Congregational from 1926 to 1933. He is now pastor emeritus of Park Manor Church, Chicago, and resides in Wildwood, New Jersey.

Since his retirement, the Reverend Faulkner has taken on two major projects. He is engaged in writing religious material for eventual publication. And he is producing a lengthy series of tape-recordings of Afro-American folk lore for the Dade County (Florida) public school system.

He stated that the Negro slave used fables and animal stories to stimulate his morale and to strengthen his self-image as a person. The slave used the rabbit as his hero and as his proxy. The slave could make the rabbit say things to children that he was not able to say. Dr. Faulkner said "the slave had sound reason to take the rabbit as his hero since it was the most helpless creature in the woods." All the predators sought to destroy the rabbit but he managed to survive and to win out over the larger creatures. The slave projected himself into the personality of the rabbit, identifying with him as the innocent victim. The slave's master was identified with the cruel predators.

The slave showed himself, through these stories, to be equal to his master, if indeed not his superior.

Dr. Faulkner has written and recorded a number of the old stories used by the slave. His project for the Dade County schools will continue for some time and may involve video-tapes. His materials are unpublished, original stories that he learned as a boy in a small village in South Carolina.

the name of a (1) Minister, (2) church musician, (3) layman (man or woman) who sings the hymns and can be articulate about what he knows and likes.

Room and board will be furnished. Registrants must provide their own transportation.

Recommendations should be sent to the Conference Minister.

Delegates Hear Panel On 1968 - 1969 Emphasis

"Getting Started in God's Mission" was the topic introduced by the Reverend G. Harold Myers of Thomasville, North Carolina. He outlined a six-week project undertaken by the Heidelberg United Church of Christ in Thomasville, N. C.

A panel of ministers from the Southeast Conference then discussed the actions which their churches have taken.

The Reverend Myers stressed the flexible nature of the 1968-69 Emphasis and urged the delegates to use the materials as resources while tailormaking it to their specific churches. Ultimately, he said, the persons must respond affirmatively to God and follow where God would lead them.

SE Conference Third Annual Meeting To Be In Atlanta

The third annual meeting of the Southeast Conference will meet at the Central Congregational Church, Atlanta, Georgia, the last weekend in April, 1969, as reported by the Place Committee.

Mrs. Edward Askren
Olin E. Sheppard
G. Franklin Lewis

Wadley Church Has Many Easter Visitors

The Wadley Christian Church attendance was greatly increased on Easter by the presence of many of the members of the Carter family.

A number of the Carters were charter members of the church. The Reverend Emory Carter was the organizer of the church and its first pastor. The church was organized in 1911.

The Carters were having a family reunion in Wadley and came to the church in connection with the reunion.

Another Church Takes Community Action

The Cooperative Ministry of Champaign, Illinois, recently gave \$500 to the local effort of "Opportunities Industrialization Program" which is being carried out in Champaign. It was the wish of the church to support community action programs to help the disadvantaged. This is just one more example of a church's involvement.

Evergreen Church Has Easter Sunrise Service

A beautiful Sunrise Service was held at the Evergreen Church, Beachton, Georgia, Easter morning. The Reverend Mullins delivered the sermon.

The Reverend Fann, pastor of the congregation, conducted the regular morning worship.

One member was added to the church at the morning service, Miss Lillie Kay Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gentle Clark. Following the baptismal service, the congregation received Holy Communion.

The church was decorated with Easter lilies.

The Beachton Church has been keeping in touch with its members who are in the armed forces and sends the church newsletters to them.

"Woman's Day" will be May 2; and "Men's Day" will be the fourth Sunday in June.

'Structuring For God's Mission' Discussed By Panel

Mrs. F. C. Lester led a panel discussion on "Structuring for God's Mission" at the annual meeting.

Participants were persons who represented various National Instrumentalities.

New insights into the work of the National Instrumentalities, need for the individual involvement in denominational concerns, and the ways for relating these to the local churches were introduced in the discussion.

Conference On Christian Education To Be In August

"The Church's Educational Ministry in a New Time" is the theme of a national conference on Christian education to be held August 27-30.

The conference is primarily for the members of United Church of Christ congregations, but friends from other Christian communions are invited to participate. Registrants must be at least 16 years of age.

Total conference fees, including room and board, materials and insurance — \$59.

The conference is open to all interested persons. Registration forms may be obtained from the Reverend Miss Emilie Pitcock at the Southeast Conference office.

Camping Is Available In SE Conference — But Hurry!

Trail camping! Resident camping! Conferences! These are available for junior high and senior high members of Southeast Conference churches and youth groups. But, summer is almost here, so get your applications soon and return them early.

Registration forms may be obtained from the Reverend Miss Emilie Pitcock, Southeast Conference UCC, Box 29883, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

Camps will be operated in Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee from mid-June to mid-August. Enrollment is limited in some of the camps.

Never underestimate the values of summer camp and conference experiences! Many young people can trace life-changing decisions to a week spent with other youth and adults in the relaxed setting of the out-of-doors. And camps should be given top priority in planning for your youths' summer.

These camps are joint efforts of the United Church of Christ and the United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

Write today for information and registration blanks for your youths.

Johnson Leads Holy Week Services In New Orleans

The Reverend Karlton Johnson, Southern Regional Secretary of the Stewardship Council of the United Church of Christ, was the speaker for Holy Week services conducted by the Greater New Orleans Federation of Churches.

He also spoke at the Easter Sunrise service held at the Mardi Gras Fountain on the shore of Lake Pontchartrain.

The Reverend Mr. Johnson resides in Atlanta and is a member of Central Congregational Church.

Minister Dies In Virginia

The Reverend C. Carl Dollar, a native of Alabama and formerly a minister in the Southeast Conference, died at his home in Holland, Virginia, April 28.

He had been pastor of the Holland Christian Church for ten years.

Funeral services were held in Holland on April 29.

In addition to churches in Alabama and Virginia, the Reverend Mr. Dollar had also served in Minnesota.

Nominating Committee Report, SE Conference 1968

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A Christian statesman, a competent administrator, a diligent laborer — these and other complimentary descriptions justly apply to the Conference Minister, Dr. William Andes. Aware that the meeting would influence the direction of the Conference in the years ahead, he spent months in preparation for it. Tired, but confident that the Annual Meeting will be meaningful to the churches, Dr. Andes and his wife have lunch together in a quiet corner of a busy room.

Conference Has Books Donated To Its Library

The Reverend Doctor William Brehm, recently retired pastor of the First Congregational Church, Des Plaines, Illinois, has donated a large part of his library to the Southeast Conference. The donation was to provide more books to be used by pastors in the South in preparing themselves for a more effective ministry.

The 400 volumes have been sorted and catalogued. They will be made available by the Church and Ministry Commission of the Southeast Conference.

Delegates to General Synod, June 1969:

Homer C. McEwen
William R. Green
Mrs. W. W. Hall

To Interim Steering Committee of Dorchester Center (Representatives):

Arnold Slater
John Enwright
Mrs. A. C. Curtright
J. B. Wright
Homer C. McEwen

It is recommended that the Board of Directors, through its Executive Committee, be empowered to fill vacancies if they occur.

Frederick A. Meyer, Chairman
George C. Hewson

Pilgrim Church Hosts Southeast Conference

Unknown servants of Christ and his church created the setting and atmosphere in which delegates from United Church of Christ congregations wrestled with major issues confronting the church and the community in which it lives.

Competent and pleasant persons registered the guests as they arrived at Pilgrim Church for the Second Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference.

Other helpful and courteous members of the church aided guests in numerous ways. Some served food; others hauled trash. Some answered questions; others anticipated them and gave directions to various parts of the building and the town.

The total setting spoke of much hard labor.

Dr. William Andes, Conference Minister, and others expressed their gratitude to the church's members who did much toward making the 1968 meeting the most significant in many years.

The Reverend and Mrs. Arnold Slater serve at Pilgrim Church, where the Reverend Slater is pastor.

Rufus Obrecht
Andrew L. Cooper
Mrs. W. W. Hall